REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were rejected as anticipated by OVADYA et al. 2001/0009008. The claims have been amended and claims 10-12 have been canceled, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

OVADYA et al. disclose a method and system for offering online file services over the internet that allow providers (provider clients 2) to place their file processing programs on the server (1) and that allow customers (customer clients 3) to selectively use the file processing programs. The customer client includes a customer client ID (19) to identify the customer client. When a customer client accesses the server to use one of the file processing programs, the server checks to see whether the customer client is identified (step S3). If the answer is YES, the customer client is granted access to the system (step S4).

However, OVADYA et al. do not disclose that the customer client stores display style information before accessing the server and does not disclose that this display style information is transmitted to the server when the customer client accesses the server. As is apparent from the description in Figure 2 of OVADYA et al., the system therein is concerned with content, access and costs. There is no reference to how the content is displayed (its display style) and no information is stored in the customer client and then transmitted from the

customer client that would tell the server anything about a display style for the content that that is to be purchased.

In contrast to the assertion in the Official Action (e.g., paragraph 10 of the Official Action), the customer and/or provider client IDs do not include the identification of the browser. Paragraph 14 states that the provider client system 2 includes a provider client ID 17 and a browser 18 (as shown in Figure 1) and that the customer client system 3 includes a customer client ID 19 and a browser 20 (again as shown in Figure 1). It is believed that paragraph 14 has been misinterpreted in the Official Action to imply that the customer and/or provider client IDs 17, 19 are codes that identify the customer/provider client and the browser 20. However, the correct interpretation of the paragraph 14 is that the customer/provider client systems each include a customer/provider client ID 17, 19 and a browser 20, where the customer/provider client IDs 17, 19 identify the customer/provider client and do not identify the customer client's browser. Note that the more detailed description of the process in OVADYA et al. does not refer to the browser (see, for example, Figure 4 and the related discussion).

Since the customer client in OVADYA et al. does not store and transmit the display style information, the claims avoid the rejection under §102.
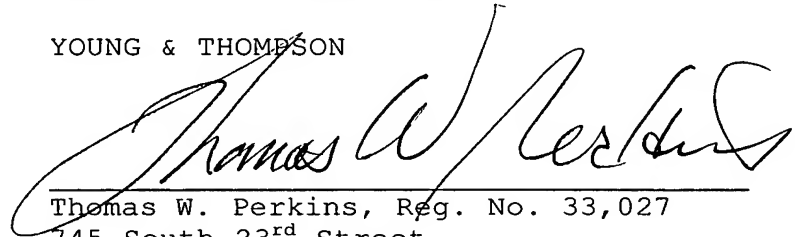
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been

placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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